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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

"In the matter 1998 biennial Regulatory Review--Amendment of Part 97  
of the Commission's Amateur Service Rules, FCC WT Docket 98-143."

Dear Secretary Salas:

The present Amateur radio licensing structure is in need of change and simplification. Your solicitation of input is most appreciated, and my suggestions are as follows:

1. Provide only one license category: Amateur Radio Operator (ARO)
2. Open all voice bands for ARO communications.
3. Provide a Morse Code endorsement, allowing ARO code communications on all designated Morse frequencies.
4. Establish four levels of ARO code endorsement: Technician (5 wpm), General (10 wpm), Advanced (15 wpm), and Extra (20 wpm).
5. Require retesting for ARO endorsement privilege at time of 10 year license renewal.
6. Place greater emphasis upon theory and practice and less upon frequency and formula in the ARO license testing.

I hope the above suggestions will be helpful to you and the Commission in the licensing decision-making process,

Sincerely,



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